

Isaiah's Prophecy Concerning Sennacherib

Sunday School Lesson for July 2, 1911
Specially Arranged for This Paper

LESSON TEXT—Isaiah 37:34-38.
MEMORY VERSE—33-35.
GOLDEN TEXT—"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble."—Psa. 46:1.

TITLE—Probably B. C. 701-697, toward the close of Hezekiah's reign.
PLACE—Jerusalem and vicinity. The destruction of the army was probably southwest of Judah toward Egypt.

The importance of the event which forms the subject of this lesson is shown by the fact that its history is given in three books of the Bible, and probably referred to in another, occupying seven or eight chapters, besides the clay cylinder on which Sennacherib made his own record.

It was a great crisis in Israel's history like the exodus, and return from captivity, a signal landmark, to teach and warn and encourage and comfort Israel in other great crises, and the nations and individuals of all times.

Hezekiah, although the son of a bad father (but a good mother), began his reign with a thorough and widespread reformation and revival of the true religion, even while the Assyrians were invading the Northern Kingdom. He cleansed and repaired the temple, restored the temple services, and provided for the support of the Levites and for popular religious instruction from the books of the law, thus bringing about a great uprising against idolatry.

The result was most happy. "Hezekiah had exceeding much riches and honor." His kingdom was tranquil, strong and wealthy. But one constant danger threatened Judah—the growing power of Assyria, whose overlordship Ahaz had acknowledged, against the urgent protests of Isaiah.

In 701 B. C. the great invasion of Palestine was made by Sennacherib, with a double siege of Jerusalem. Sennacherib sent an army demanding the surrender of Jerusalem. He may have felt that it was a mistake to leave in his rear so powerful a fortress, while he had still to complete the overthrow of the Egyptians.

The Assyrians, coming near to the walls of the city and speaking through Rabshakeh, the chief officer of Sennacherib, made the contest one between Jehovah and the Assyrian idols, between the true religion, the one means of redeeming the world, and Hezekiah, and Isaiah, and apparently the scribes and elders, clothed in sackcloth, went into the temple and prayed from their inmost souls.

Note how afflictions lead to prayer. Hezekiah saw before him captivity, suffering, probably death, the loss of his kingdom, the extinction of his line, the exile of his people. But above all he saw the fall of true religion, the dishonor of God's name, a religious and moral loss to the world. We should pray for temporal blessings, for whatever we need; but at the same time we should never let the desire for earthly things overshadow the larger and more important spiritual interests; but rather, as in Hezekiah's case, the pressure of personal need should make more intense the desire for God's cause and kingdom.

Then came a message from God through Isaiah. Hitherto Isaiah's message had been one of warning to Judah, in order to make them so obedient to God that the relief could come to them as a blessing. Now his message concerns the Assyrians, but also shows Judah why God comes to their help.

The wonderful deliverance came when the angel of the Lord smote of the Assyrians a hundred and four score and five thousand. Just where this occurred we do not know. But Sennacherib was marching toward Egypt. The deliverance was a deliverance of Egypt as well as of Judah. The scene may well have been near Egypt. Whether it was by a storm, or pestilence, no one knows. It is remarkable that the histories of both his chief rivals in this campaign, Judah and Egypt, should contain independent reminiscences of so sudden and miraculous a disaster to his host.

From Egyptian sources there has come down through Herodotus a story that a king of Egypt, being deserted by the military caste, when Sennacherib, king of the Arabs and Assyrians invaded his country, entered his sanctuary and appealed with weeping to his god; that the god appeared and cheered him; that he raised an army of artisans and marched to meet Sennacherib in Pelusium; that by night a multitude of field mice ate up the quivers, bowstrings and shieldstraps of the Assyrians; and that, as these fled on the morrow, very many of them fell. A stone statue of the king, adds Herodotus, stood in the temple of Hephæstus, having a mouse in the hand. Now, since the mouse was a symbol of sudden destruction, and even of the plague, this story of Herodotus seems to be merely a picturesque form of a tradition that pestilence broke out in the Assyrian camp. The parallel with the Bible narrative is close. In both accounts it is a prayer of the king that prevails. In both the deity sends his agent—in the grotesque Egyptian an army of mice, in the sublime Jewish his angel. In both the effects are sudden, happening in a single night.

From the Assyrian side we have this corroboration: that King Sennacherib did abruptly return to Nineveh without taking Jerusalem or meeting with Tirhakah, and that, though this Egyptian ruler reigned for twenty years more, he never again made a Syrian campaign.

POULTRY

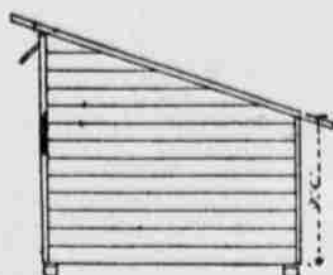


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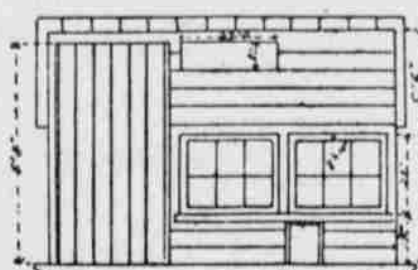
It is 5 feet high in front, and 3½ feet in the rear. The floor is of matched stuff 6 inches wide, nailed upon 2x4 laid edgewise on the 4x4 runners. This allows a space of 8 inches beneath the floor; which, in cases where the house stands in the



End View.

open, provides shade for the young fowls. The framework is of 2x4, set flat side to the walls, to allow more room for the fowls and attendant.

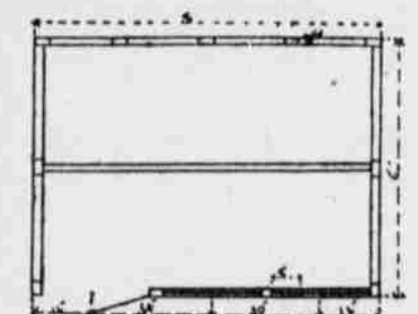
The roof is of common boards, covered with a good grade of waterproof roofing. In windy locations, it might be well to use matched lumber for the



Front View.

roof; which will lessen the liability of the waterproof roofing being torn off by the wind blowing in the doors or windows or under the eaves.

The little structure may be used as a cockerel house; or it may be provided with a dropping-board 3½ feet



Floor Plan.

wide, on which two roosts may be placed, and under which three nests may be installed; and thus 10 to 15 old fowls may be housed during the winter.

For summer use, wire screens of 1-inch mesh may be inserted in place of windows. For winter use, muslin may be tacked over one of the screens and, with the glass window, the fowl will do very well. The total cost of this little house is \$25.27.

Early Pullets.

Early pullets are the ones that lay earliest in the fall. Much, however, depends upon the breed. The Leghorn and its relatives may be hatched later than our American varieties, such as the Plymouth Rock, and those later than the Brahma and Cochins. As soon as the chicks are able to run about they have a scratching pen with lots of litter in which to hunt for feed. They are made to scratch for a living from the very beginning. Those that are vigorous, healthy and well developed start laying during October or November.

Young Squabs.

A squab grows enormously the first 12 hours, and still more rapidly after the third day. Squabs are at first sparsely covered with long filaments of down, the root of each filament indicating the point from which each future feather is to start. The down for a while still hangs on the tips of some of the feathers, during their growth, and is thought by some to be finally absorbed into the shaft of the growing feather.

Clover for Hens.

With plenty of clover, hens will require little other feed so long as the clover lasts; but as fowls are very fond of this plant, they must be moved from place to place, if their numbers are very large, or the clover will be eaten off too clean.

The Trap Nest.

The trap nest is a regular detective. It tells the facts of the case, it takes the hens, it gives accurate reports, it arrests the robber hens, it gives an honest count and it exposes the fraudulent hens.

ALLENSBURG.

June 26, 1911.

Wm. Barnett and wife attended church at Hoaglands, Sunday.

Mrs. George Long, of Detroit, Mich., is visiting at the home of her father, M. T. Yowell.

Mrs. Henry Fishawick and son, Wendell, of Hamilton, are visiting home folks here.

Mrs. Ulric Carpenter is visiting her parents at Greenfield.

Randolph Stroup, of Oklahoma, called on old friends at this place one day last week.

G. W. Shaffer visited relatives in Adams county, part of last week.

Misses Daisy Carpenter and Osa Chaney visited friends at South Liberty, last Friday.

Quite a number from here were shopping in Hillsboro, last Saturday.

Mrs. Harley Taylor, who has been visiting relatives at this place, returned to her home in Cincinnati, Thursday.

James Fouch and Herbert Shaffer attended the Children's services at Lynchburg, Sunday night.

Little Hazel Thornburg has returned home from a week's visit with her sister, Mrs. Rayn Winkle, in Hillsboro.

Rev. Hiram Runyon will fill his regular appointment at this place Sunday morning and evening.

Preparations are being made to repair the C. U. Church at this place this week.

Chas. Frost and family visited at the home of Glenn Abernathy Sunday.

Miss Emma Shaffer called on Mrs. Frank Stroup, Saturday afternoon.

Master Wm. Thornburg has a fine declamation prepared for the commencement exercises.

Mrs. Fred Dininger and three children, of Weertown, visited her mother, Mrs. Emma Shaffer, Sunday.

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RUSSELL.

June 26, 1911.

Divine services will be conducted here by Rev. Gray next Sunday at 2:30. Burch McKamey, of Chillicothe, Robert McKamey and wife, of Hoaglands, and Misses Maud and Anna Saums, of Danville, spent Sunday with Ben Wilkin and wife.

Will Granger, of Oklahoma, who has been visiting relatives here, has returned home accompanied by Ed. Britton and Stanley Kesler.

Elec Roush and mother were at Lon Gibler's yesterday.

John Webster and wife and granddaughter, Miss Hattie Tedrick, have returned home after several days' visit among friends at Fairfax.

John Briggs and wife and little son were in Cincinnati yesterday.

Miss Litta Reeves, of Willettsville, called on Miss Grace Hart Sunday evening.

Sam Oldaker has returned from Iowa where he spent two or three weeks among relatives and friends.

Mrs. Price Woods, of Iowa, and Chas. Jonte and wife spent Saturday and Sunday at the home of Will Stoltz, at New Vienna.

Simpson Oldaker and family attended the family dinner at Jonah Britton's yesterday.

Elwood Hodson is visiting Thomas Jonte.

Frederick Roush, delegate from Robert Russell Post to the state encampment of the G. A. R., at Lorain, has returned and reports an excellent time.

The funeral of Mrs. Noah Wilkin will be held today at Fairview.

LITTLETON.

June 26, 1911.

Misses Kate and Julia Harper, of Hillsboro, spent Monday at the home of Wm. Hastings.

Elder Sherry and John Finnegan, of Cincinnati, are spending several weeks at the Sherry home.

Mrs. Lucinda Workman visited her brother Sunday.

Harold Wagner, of Cincinnati, spent Sunday night and Monday of last week at the home of Wm. Hastings.

Miss Lettie Shaffer visited Florence Stubbs Sunday.

Isaiah Shaffer and children, Mabel and Laverne, visited relatives at Dodsonville Sunday.

Joe Finnegan, of Cincinnati, spent Friday and Saturday at the Sherry home.

Emmet and John Hastings and sisters, Ida and Gertrude, were entertained by M. M. Workman and family, of Pricetown, Sunday.

Little Lawrence Orebaugh has been sick.

Joe Briggs and family, of Dodsonville, spent Tuesday evening at the home of J. W. Hastings.

Mrs. Ed. Stubbs, of Lynchburg, visited her son, Charles, and family, one day last week.

FAIRVIEW.

June 26, 1911.

Rev. Chas. E. Elmore, of West Virginia, will commence his pastoral work here next Sunday, July 2. As many members of the church as possible are urged to be present and meet him. Sunday School at 9:15 a. m.

Mrs. Louisa Burton is ill, without hope of recovery.

Miss Isma Faris visited her grandmother, Mrs. Eliza Faris, at Pricetown, Sunday and attended Children's services.

Miss Ethel Smith entertained the Misses Bennington and Flossie Ludwick, Sunday.

Mrs. Nora Wilkin died Sunday morning from appendicitis. An operation had been performed three days previously, but proved of no avail. Five orphan children are left, the father having died last winter. Funeral services were held at the church by Rev. Coleman, of Hillsboro, and interment in Strange cemetery, Monday afternoon.

Rev. W. A. Roush, of Martinsburg, W. Va., delivered a lecture here Wednesday evening, which was very interesting and instructive. His many friends were glad to meet him again. While here he was the guest of Mrs. Handley.

Joseph Brulport, Mrs. E. O. Pulse and Mrs. Georgia Selph, of Dodsonville, attended the lecture Wednesday evening.

Phil Weyrich, wife and son, of Hillsboro, were callers here the first of the week. Mr. Weyrich took a picture of the Winkle family, who had a home coming with their mother, Mrs. Leah Winkle.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Moorhead, of Greenfield, are spending a few days with the Burton family.

The Sunday School wishes to thank all who contributed in any way to the success of the festival Saturday evening.

Misses Mattie and Vesta Chaney, of Sharpsville, visited Blanche Layman from Friday to Sunday.

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Obituary.

Marie Hattie Rhoades was born March 8, 1845, at Sinking Spring, Ohio, and was married to David M. Rhoades, September 4, 1894. To this union were born six girls and four boys. She was a member of the church of the Brethren for many years and was an earnest christian worker and she will be sadly missed from our midst, yet we feel that our loss is her Heavenly gain.

She was tenderly cared for through her last sickness by her daughters, Lattie and Mae, but they could not stay death's cold hands. On Friday morning, June 2, 1911, she was called home. Deceased was 66 years, 2 months and 16 days. She is survived by her husband and nine children, and a host of friends to mourn their loss, one son having preceded her to the great beyond. Funeral services were held at Saints Church conducted by Rev. Couser.

Death has robbed us of our mother whom we loved and cherished dear; it was mother, yes, dear mother. We can't help but drop a tear.

Oh, we miss her coming footsteps, Oh, we miss her everywhere; Home is not what it used to be Since our mother is not here.

Sleep on, sleep on, though aged one, Thy pains and trials are o'er; Thy smile while departing Showed joy for thee in store.

Thy rays of hope shone o'er thee, To worlds long years ago; "If my sins be as scarlet, I can make them whiter than snow."

Dear mother is gone, but not forgotten, Never shall thy memory fade; Sweetest thoughts shall ever linger, 'Round the grave where she is laid.

A precious one from us has gone, A voice we loved is stilled; A place is vacant in our home Which never can be filled.

Moulded By Circumstances.

Yoshio Markino in the July McClure's tells the following anecdote of his literal-mindedness:

At the grammar school I used to believe all I was taught. But very often I made an awful misunderstanding. For instance, our Reader said:

"The human nature is just like the water. If you put the water into a square vessel the water will become square; and if you put it in a round vessel it will have a round shape. Boys and girls, therefore, you must choose your friends."

No sooner than the school hour was over, I ran to my neighbor who had a newly born baby. I told the mother: "Don't put your baby in a hard, flat bed; her figure will become flat."

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June 26, 1911.

The farmers in this community are almost through cutting wheat. Wheat is short but well filled.

Mr. and Mrs. Glasco, of Denver, Colo., are visiting M. R. Elliott.

Mrs. Harry Curnes is spending a few days with her parents near Frankfort.

Mrs. Fred Enline, of Wambam, Pa., is the guest of her parents, Cash Stevens and wife. Mrs. Guy Stout, of Cincinnati, who has been visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. Stevens, has returned home.

Mrs. Frank Wise and daughter, of New Jersey, are visiting Mrs. J. B. Cowgill and other friends.

William Stethem and wife, of Marshall, Joe Cowman and wife, of Greenfield, and Joe Morrow and family spent Sunday with Adella Morrow and children.

Miss Helen Rowe, who has been attending college at Wilmington, is at home for the summer vacation.

Mrs. Joe Morrow and daughter, Lettie Lee, who have been visiting friends in Dayton and her brother in Springfield, returned home last week.

J. S. Lovett and family were guests of William Rowe and family Sunday.

Mose Milner and sister, of near Leesburg, attended church at Quaker Sunday.

Rev. Joe Hoskin filled the pulpit Sunday at the Friends church in the absence of Rev. Frank Milner.

Joe Chrisman and wife were guests of Ray Cameron and wife Sunday.

J. L. Montgomery and family spent Sunday with Cash Stevens and wife.

Miss Ethel Bragg is spending a few days with Mrs. Adella Morrow.

Mrs. Ella Davidson and children and Mrs. Mendenhall and daughter called on Mrs. Nellie Hiser, at Dallas, Saturday evening.

While William Wolf was cutting wheat last week his mules got frightened and ran away. Little damage was done.

Mrs. Edith Shoemaker and grandmother Chrisman spent one day last week with Mrs. Sam Wolf.

The death of John Morrow last week was a great shock to this community.

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